

**Pressing On**  
*Philippians 3:12-14 & others*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE —  
IT'S ABOUT WHERE YOU'RE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I. Neighbor:** Close but not \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(cf. Ephesians 2:11-13)*

~ Pressing toward \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Guest:** Present, but \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(cf. John 6:1-2, 60, 66)*

~ Pressing toward \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Friend:** Connected and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(cf. John 6:1-2, 60, 66)*

~ Pressing toward \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Family:** Committed and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(cf. Matt 12:46-50; 28:18-20; Eph 2:19)*

~ Pressing toward \_\_\_\_\_.



The Simple Church Process:  
*Helping you take the next step so that neighbors become guests,  
guests become friends, and friends become family in Christ.*

For Group Discussion: **From the Sermon: “Pressing On”** [Philippians 3:12-14]

<sup>12</sup> *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:12-14

- ~ Paul says he has not “arrived.” Why is that important for every stage of discipleship?
- ~ Who helped move you along your journey?

**Neighbor: Near, but not connected**

1. What does it look like in real life for someone to be spiritually “near” but not yet connected?
2. Have you ever had a season where you were around spiritual things but not truly surrendered? What held you back?

**Guest: Present, but passive**

1. What are the differences between attending church and belonging to a church?
2. In what areas of your spiritual life are you consuming rather than contributing?
3. What would moving from “Guest” to deeper involvement practically require in your weekly life?

**Friend: Connected and growing**

1. What marks the difference between casual involvement and genuine spiritual investment?
2. Where might you be protecting comfort instead of pursuing growth?
3. What responsibility or leadership opportunity might God be nudging you toward?

**Family: Committed and contributing**

1. What does ownership look like in a healthy church family?
2. Have you grown comfortable in your service or leadership? Where might you need to stretch again?
3. Who are you intentionally helping move forward in their faith journey?

Application:

1. What do you need to “forget” in order to strain forward — fear, pride, past failure, disappointment?
2. What specific action will you take in the next 30 days to press on?
3. Have each person finish this sentence aloud:  
“This month, I will press on by \_\_\_\_\_.”